



THE BLENDER

OCTOBER, 1944

en Die In
val Ship Fire

Disaster Occurs
At Norfolk Yard

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — (AP) —
Fifteen civilian workmen die
from suffocation and 20 other
injured last night at the No.
1 when a fire broke out.

Death Toll

E.A. Service

HOTEL BLAZE

The Normandie Fire

Firemen Called to
Koehler to Help Fight
Sandblock Plant Fire

By Death As Flames
Flooded Floors

Millions of Shoes Burn in U.S.

Fire-Bug On Coast
in; Little Damage

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A fire-bug
who yesterday sent 22 persons
to the hospital after a fire at the
Amsterdam hotel, struck early
part of the city.

SAN FRANCISCO SPORTS CENTER
DAMAGED BY FIVE-ALARM
FIRE

Disinformation Over Telephone Plus Quantities of
Sugar Enable Fire to Gain Headway

Fire!

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Why Do We Have Fire Prevention Week?

Because of the Great Chicago Fire, October 8, 1871 (see Cover), five hundred lives were lost and total property damage amounted to over \$200,000,000, plus untold suffering and hardship to those people fortunate enough to save themselves. Such a catastrophe is a blight on the history of our country, all because of O'Leary's cow. But O'Leary's cow has not caused the many conflagrations

that have taken their toll in life and property since 1871. It was the carelessness of an individual or a group of individuals, or negligence to take proper precaution against the hazard of fire. Fire Prevention Week is a part of the program designed to prevent such tragic loss. Fire Prevention Week is just another attempt to help us protect our own and others' lives and property.

Fire Protection on the Plant

When Eleuthere Irenee du Pont de Nemours established his first powder mill along the banks of the Brandywine, he realized the importance of every protection against the hazard of fire. Despite elaborate precautions, the first months of production in powder were marked with explosions: some of them directly caused by fire. Because of his experience with fire and its consequences, Mr. Du Pont instilled in his successors in the Du Pont Company the necessity of adequate, up-to-date fire prevention and fire-fighting equipment in each plant.

The Martinsville Plant is no exception to this rule.

In fire-prevention and fire-fighting equipment, the company has spent approximately \$80,000 to protect life and property, plus other costs of Fire Brigades, Fire Marshal's Office, Training, etc.

Because of this consciousness of the destructiveness of fire and its desire to prevent loss of life and property, the Du Pont Company has been successful in preventing many serious fire losses in its various plants.

Your protection, while on the plant, is partially dependent on your knowing what to do and how to do it in case of fire.

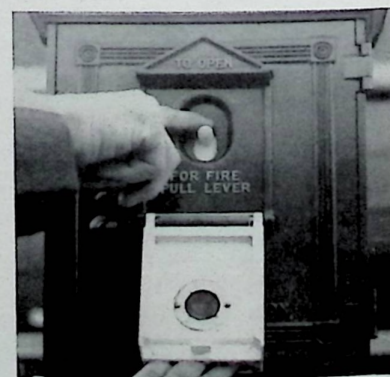
When You Discover a Fire . . . Do This:



Go to Nearest Alarm Box



Open Small Door by Pulling Down on Handle



Pull Down Lever—Wait at Box to Direct Brigade to Fire



The People's Loss

Last year approximately 10,000 persons, more than half of them women and children, lost their lives in fires and the nation suffered a property damage loss of about a million dollars a day. Somewhere in the U. S. a dwelling fire occurs every minute and a half. Every 50 minutes some person is burned to death in a fire. Every year enough homes are destroyed to house the entire population of a city the size of Los Angeles, 1,600,000 people.

A part of this loss in property is rung up on the cash

register each time you pay for a purchase. Increased living costs, higher rentals, insurance rates and taxes cover increased fire losses. Insurance companies pay losses—insurance rates increase. Burned buildings cease to be taxpayers—other taxpayers make up the difference. Insurance rates, tax benefits, etc., are all included in the price of any article you buy. A fire in San Francisco is partially paid for by John Doe in Martinsville. When fire destroys, everyone has to pay the cost.

Fire Prevention at Home

It is very appropriate that once each year we should look around the house for those things which may possibly be a fire hazard. This particular inspection should cover every possibility from the basement to the top of the chimney, inside and outside the building.

Rubbish is a double fire hazard; it may ignite spontaneously or it may serve as fuel for a stray spark. Oily rags should be kept in metal containers. Heating systems should be examined for cracks, soot or clogging in chimneys and flues. Steam lines should be at least one inch away from wood.

Keep ashes in metal containers; shield fireplaces with screens. Keep matches in metal containers and out of children's reach. Use great care with any flammable liquid brought into the home. Do not use flammable cleaning fluids. Replace frayed electric cords, and have defective electrical equipment repaired or taken out of service. Use only proper fuses.

Be sure lamp shades are a safe distance from electric light bulbs. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Take a chance on fire and you always lose. Will yours be one of next year's 10,000 lives lost by fire?

How to Get Out of a Burning Building



Always be prepared for fire. When entering buildings, choose your nearest exit and alternate path of escape. Locked or obstructed exits should be reported.



If fire breaks out and there is a panic don't rush for the main exit, keep out of the crowd and attempt to find some other means of escape. Above all, keep calm!



If forced to remain in a smoke-filled building, remember that the air is usually better near the floor. If you must make a dash through smoke or flame, hold your breath.



Do not jump from upper-story windows except as a last resort. Many people have jumped to their death even while firemen were bringing ladders to rescue them.

Courtesy National Fire Protection Association

Your Carelessness Can Cause a Fire--Your Thoughtfulness Can Prevent It

For the Girls

If the first days of fall find you in that sad state of nothing to wear, cheer up. The remedy for a listless wardrobe is simple. By combining knitting needles and balls of rosy yarn with the desire to make something lovely, you will soon have this lilting young sweater. It is a perfect foil for a suit, if you desire warmth with a touch of femininity.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that the sweaters you buy this year will be even more expensive than they have been in the past, which doesn't *necessarily* mean better quality. By knitting your own, you can have two sweaters for almost the price of one. And now that the days are getting shorter and you spend more time indoors—you'll find this a pleasant and worth-while way to pass an evening.

The enclosed insert will furnish complete details and instructions for the knitting of this soft young sweater for early fall wear.



Courtesy National Needlecraft Bureau

Harold O'Neill--Plug Cock Specialist

The plug cock is an important part of our spinning unit. Through the plug cock goes all the polymer that is converted into the yarn we produce.

The plug cock has always been a source of difficulty

to the spinning operation—nitrogen leakage was high; the barrel became scored and required removal of both the plug cock and unit. Harold O'Neill decided that maybe he could do something on both of these problems.

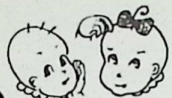
During the charging operation, plug cocks must be closed. Harold suggested that the plug cock be backed off from a full closed position so the plug could be seated more firmly against the top of the body. This simple change in method has resulted in a material saving in the consumption of nitrogen as well as a saving in gasoline and tires due to the reduced transportation of nitrogen trailers from Richmond to Martinsville.

The number of plug cocks pulled for scoring has been reduced through a method Harold devised for repairing and lubricating plug cocks while still on the machine. With a few simple tools and fixtures, many plug cocks are now repaired without ever interrupting the production of nylon.

Both ideas are now standard practice. Both ideas have made a very definite contribution to our war effort. In recognition of his work, the Plant War Effort Committee has granted Mr. O'Neill an "Award for Production Ideas," together with a seal, in lieu of a second award. Congratulations, Harold O'Neill!

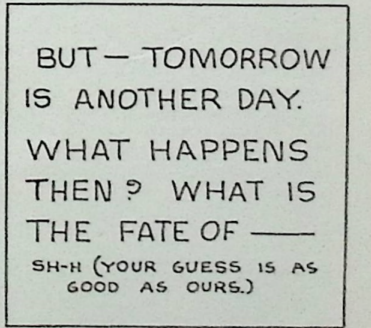
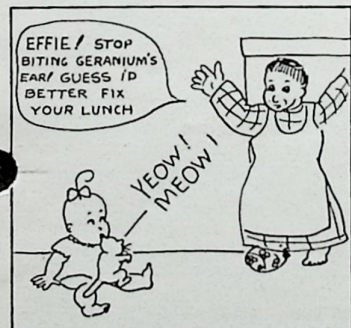
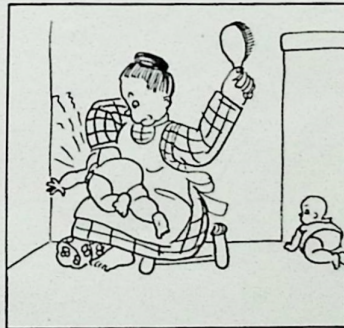
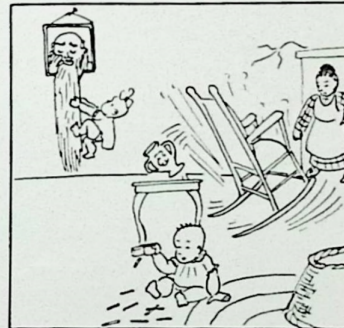
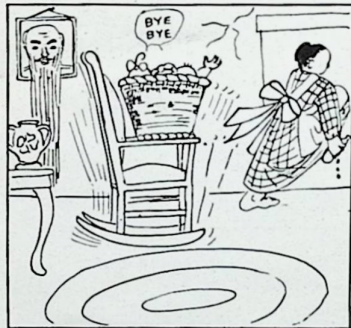
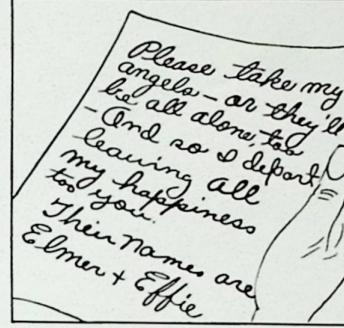
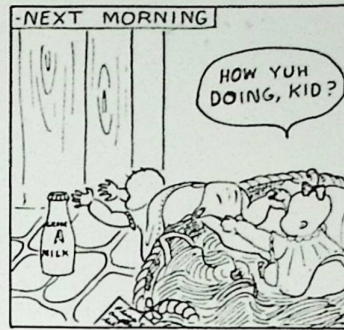


Abe Eisen, Maintenance Supervisor, presents a double War Effort Award to Harold O'Neill for his contribution to our War Effort



THE GRUESOME TWOSOME

by Joyce Angile



Personal Stuff

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We are glad to know that Marie Prillaman and Mary Ingram recovered so nicely from an automobile accident which happened on their way home from work.

Billie O. Martin still signs her name Billie Oakley even on her pay stub.

Mildred DeHart, Ruth Gilbert and Esther Sawyers have an apartment now! Wonder who is "chief cook."

Kathleen Owens is still trying to find out what girl from another shift also got off from work to see the Dalton boy!

There is a mechanic that surely gives one of our foreladies a very nice wink at breakfast—he's a bachelor, too!

Gracie Odell is going out for flying in a big way. For a price, she will take you up!

We welcome Marie Hall and Margarette Parker to our shift.

We have missed Irene Mason, who has been out sick, and hope she will be back soon.

Mary Tawney had a grand time while her husband was in on furlough from Florida.

We wonder which little girl rides the choo-choo to work these days? How about it, Hazel, is it a great thrill?

Dot Robbins has the blues lately—she hasn't received a letter in quite a while.

By REVA ALTICE

"B" SHIFT

Well, it has happened again—Mildred Goins changed her name to Mrs. Dalton! Who's next? A hearty welcome is extended to Goldie Harris, Eldean Hazelwood and Evelyn Slaughter. Jewel Jones will be surprised to find her name appearing in THE BLENDER.

Opal Smith is happy as a lark these days—her husband is in the States! Wonder what he thinks of Junior!

Ercelle Davidson is on the sick list. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Another lucky girl is Hilda Davis—getting a vacation to go with her husband's furlough!

Little Lottie Hartis is still hoping for her part of the fleet to come in soon!

Evelyn Turner likes her new hair-do as long as it doesn't get all wet!

By LOUISE MCGUIRE

"C" SHIFT

Textile doesn't seem like the same place since Tom Maynard has been out sick. We missed you a great deal and we're glad to see you back!

We would like to extend our sympathy to Elress Nichols—her brother was killed in action. Also to Frances Atkins whose brother has been reported missing in action.

We're glad Dorothy Kitts is back with us after being out sick quite a while.

There will be interesting things to hear when Edna Rose and Helen Taylor return from their vacation.

We welcome Myra Johnson, Lorene Voss and Mary Martin, new girls, to our shift.

We would like to express our sympathy to Ida Belle Adams on the recent death of her mother.

By HAZELTINE LAND

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

Those wings Eliza Pender is wearing have everybody wondering if they mean anything. Do they, Eliza?

Mabel Calaman's mail man rushed her on September 15th by delivering nine letters from

her husband in one day. That was really mail call for you, wasn't it, Mabel?

Edith Mahaffey and Jerry Martin have gone to Spooling.

Edna Miller has been on vacation and reports a wonderful time. She saw that her daughter, Anne, was enrolled in college O. K.

Virginia Martin has been on our sick list for quite some time. We wish you a speedy recovery and hurry back, Virginia.

Sylvia Chaput wishes to thank Eliza Pender, Anne Parrish, and Mary Gilley for the lovely dinner party given in her honor.

Lucy Dandridge says it was really O. K. when the bus broke down on her way to Washington—good looking sailors were everywhere.

By SYLVIA CHAPUT

DAY CREW

Jewell Ellis won't have any jewelry problems since she received a package of jewelry of all descriptions from her boy friend in Italy.

We are glad to have Gladys Shelor, Lily Nelson and Arlene Prillaman back with us after being out sick.

It seems only natural to see Clynda Nolen and Magdalene Koger in blue slacks and on a machine. Glad to have you back with us, girls!

Viola Williams reports a swell time at her home in Blackstone near Camp Pickett. Wonder if soldiers had anything to do with it?

Our best wishes to Marie McCrickard who is leaving us to go live with her husband.

Audrey Smith is back at work after visiting her husband at Fort Meade, Maryland.

By BESSIE TILLER

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Our heartiest welcome to Roland Rhett, Wade Lawrence and Bernard Turner.

Congratulations to Carlin Roach—it's a girl!

The broad smile on "Teen" Ramsey's face can be attributed to that fat letter she received from her soldier husband the other day.

Ernie Moore is thinking seriously of buying a compass after being lost in the big woods while squirrel hunting.

We sure were glad to see Phil Osborne when he visited us recently.

Our deepest sympathy to Jack Stultz on the recent loss of his father.

We have a faint suspicion that Ben Tebbins is doing some batching these days. Don't forget the vitamin pills, Ben!

By JOHN PRILLAMAN

"B" SHIFT

John Tuggle's recent fishing trip didn't produce many fish but he said he had a lot of fun.

Champion "squirrel killer" on "B" Shift is Bill Young.

Ruby Hoggard's husband, Jack, was recently home on furlough.

Lena Watts had a visitor from South Dakota lately—he's in the Army.

"B" Shift welcomes "Chief" Johnson, Jack Dandridge and Abner Anthony, recent additions to the Shift.

By the time this column is published, Jake Sanders and Pete Covington will be in the Armed Forces. Good luck, boys, and drop us a card.

Fred Gilley would like to know the answer to "slow holes." Wonder if the "silk worm" knows the answer, Fred?

Everyone wonders what the rubber bulb is for that Dave Souther has hanging from his belt!

By CATHERINE SHUMATE

"C" SHIFT

Welcome to our shift—Jo Jo Reynolds, Jack Pratt, John Hubbard, "Hop" Hobson, Marshall Yancey and Julius Coats!

Akers Lawson has received word from Uncle

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H. M. Beach, Editor

Sam that soon he will be no longer a "white cover-all" man, but instead, will be G. I. Lawson. Good luck to you, Akers!

Seems like all we do is say farewell to our fellows who have been called by Uncle Sam. This time it's John Underwood and John Dalton.

We had letters recently from Herman Rumley and Fred Newman. It's good to hear from you, fellows, and we only wish a few more would let us hear from them. How about it, fellows?

Violet Ramsey wonders why a certain transfer truck doesn't have a sleeper on it so her trips to South Carolina can be made more comfortably.

We understand George Porter is learning to be a bachelor while his wife is spending a month in Massachusetts. (Ed: A whole month?)

By REBA HANCOCK

DAY CREW

The entire crew wishes to extend its sympathy to Naomi on the death of her brother.

We wonder who that stranger was with the red turban on that was working in the Lab!

Mary's new nickname is "Little Beaver."

Ben Cooper has killed all the game around Snow Creek, so he moved closer to town.

Jim Gilbert visited Day Crew recently. He looked fit as a fiddle—army life is sure agreeing with him!

Marion is ready for another gigging expedition!

Graydon McGhee says he sure misses his fishing! He can't wait until trout season comes in!

"Diamond" Dick keeps busy these days! (Ed: Who?)

Best of luck to the following Day Crew boys in the service: Jim Gilbert, Grady Holley, Walter Weaver, Malcolm Leffew, Pete Classen and Lester Finney.

By BETTY INMAN

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

Julia Stewart has a few more pictures to add to her "pin-up" collection from her husband in North Africa.

There's been a slight change in Venie Whitlock's attitude lately—that soldier didn't get his week-end pass!

Katherine Montgomery does a lot of day-dreaming. Maybe it's about the Captain that recently had a 15-day furlough!

News! News! Pat Hensley and Ruth Campbell spending the night in Leaksville and not knowing what time it was until the roosters crowed!

We are very glad to have Vivian Nale back after working in Production Control.

By RUTH CAMPBELL

METHODS AND STANDARDS

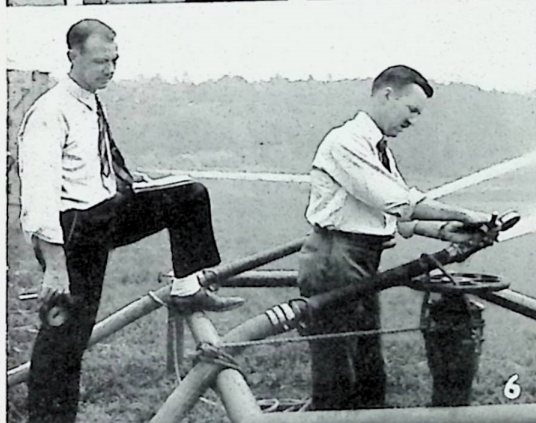
We haven't heard much about tennis from Dick Heller or Harvey Pressley since the tournament. Maybe the responsibilities of fatherhood got them down!

Jim Thomas seems none the worse after eating Alabama country ham for two weeks!

John Kirk missed his right hand the last week and a half. Better start feeling better, Ruth, and hurry back.

A belated congratulations to you, Charlie

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Visitors

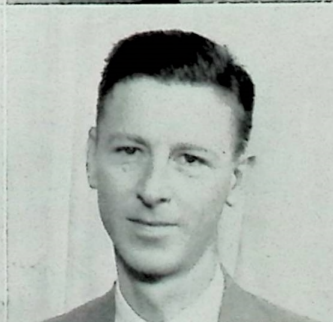
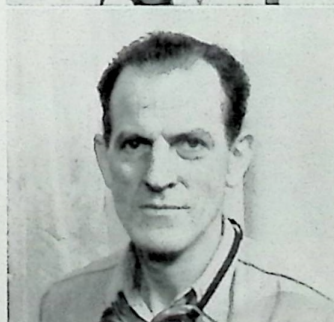
No. 1—Dr. W. W. Heckert, Assistant Director, Nylon Research Section, Wilmington; Dr. A. G. Edison, Technical Manager, Wilmington; D. R. Hull, Research Supervisor, Nylon Research Section, Wilmington. No. 2—T. M. Cole, Waynesboro Plant. No. 3—J. L. Bradley and W. A. Henry, Legal Department, Wilmington. No. 4—D. C. Carmichael, Industrial Engineering Division, Wilmington. No. 5—H. B. Wood, Engineering Division, Wilmington. No. 6—Our own "Neide" Crouch and C. B. Patterson, Safety and Fire Protection Division, Wilmington. No. 7—B. D. Cowan, Waynesboro Plant. No. 8—J. A. Geiger, Safety and Fire Protection Division, Wilmington. No. 9—D. F. Hollingsworth, Industrial Engineering Division, Wilmington. No. 10—Dr. M. G. Fontana, Nylon Research Laboratory, Wilmington. No. 11—L. V. Dale, Waynesboro Plant. No. 12—Dr. W. R. Schmidt, Supervisor, Process Development, Seaford. No. 13—W. Warner, Waynesboro Plant. No. 14—W. R. Sterens, Jr., Laboratory Supervisor, Seaford.

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SERVICE PINS

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: L. H. Sutton, Pipefitter Foreman, 5 years' service; R. P. Heller, Methods and Standards, 5 years' service; Stewart Walmsley, Shipping Foreman, 5 years' service.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: W. L. Terrell, Maintenance, 10 years' service; W. C. Cole, Jr., "B" Shift Supervisor, P. & S., 5 years' service; R. Steele, Assistant Pipefitter Foreman, 5 years' service.



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Josephine Poindexter
Head Clerk, O. & I.—Order



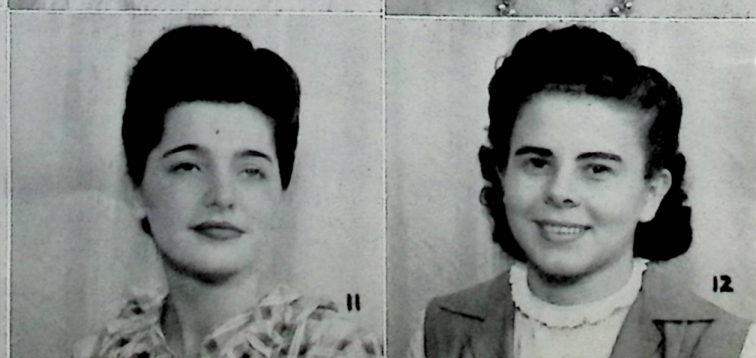
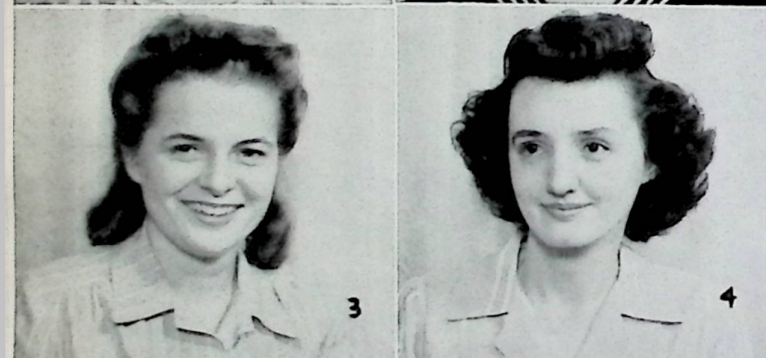
Camilla Townes
Head Clerk, O. & I.—Shipping

Time Office, Order and Invoice



Henry Winters
Chief Timekeeper

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Frances Parker
Head Clerk—Records



Vann Freeman
Head Clerk—Time Office



ice, Records and Mail Room



Wilmer Noble, Supervisor
Order, Invoice and Records

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With Our Men and Women in Service

FLORIDA

... My work is running along very well now but I still don't know very much about oxygen. Sometimes I think it's very complicated for some of the things are a little hard to learn.

Haven't gotten up nerve to go up in a plane yet for we have so many crashes here I stay nervous all the time. Some of the girls don't seem to be afraid, so if they can take it, I don't see why I can't. Will probably give it a try some day soon. When we have those crashes everyone really gets excited for a few days, but it soon blows over with everyone contented for awhile.

Dates are still plentiful here, so if anyone is interested, just come on down and see what happens.

THE BLENDER has been coming in on time lately which makes me very happy. First place I look when I get it is Process Control section for it's my main interest now.

That reminds me—I have a watch tonight from 12 o'clock to 3. Can't say that I like it very much but it just happens that's one of the duties we perform here.

They showed us how to use a parachute a few weeks ago and we sure got a kick out of it. Of course, they demonstrated on me and every time I think of how silly I looked I have to laugh. With a "Mae West" and a parachute on, you can imagine how I looked!

LORNA

FLORIDA

... Receiving THE BLENDER every month and I sure do enjoy reading it. It sure is good to learn what is going on back at the plant. We know the gang back there will do their part and the last War Loan Drive seemed to be a success. Just keep up the good work.

I am working in the Fleet Post Office here in Miami and having life very easy. This sure is a nice place but I like Martinsville better.

I am working shift work so I feel very much at home, since I worked it up there for about two years. I don't mind it because I want to



Lester C. Finney, S 2/C
(Formerly in P. & S.)

do my part wherever I go. I hope the war will soon be over and everybody can go back home.

Keep up the good work and keep the nylon rolling!

LESTER

NEBRASKA

... I have been in Grand Island for two months. We like it here very much. I was transferred from Pratt, Kansas, and am still in a B-29 Group; 20th Bomb Command, one of the best groups I have been in yet. Will leave for overseas duty very soon, to give those little Japs the hell they ask for.

I will fly overseas, which I feel is very lucky, as you know I am a Medical Technician. I happened to be one of the two selected to fly out of thirty-five Medical enlisted men. I do mostly administrative work, and I mean it takes a lot of work in the Medics, especially when they are processing for overseas. I worked fourteen hours a day this past week.

I sure hope we can soon get this thing over and be back home. I am doing all I can under my assignment, which I feel isn't as much as I will be doing in a short while. I probably won't have any flights to make overseas or see any



Cpl. Marvin Johnson, standing, and Pfc. Sanford Roberts, kneeling. Both formerly in Textile

action, but I feel I will be doing my part—it takes it all to make things go. If you see the picture of "Memphis Belle," Major Morgan, the pilot of the ship, is my Commanding Officer.

MARVIN

VIRGINIA

... I am enclosing an editorial from the Navy Yard paper on War Bonds. It struck me as a potent piece of work, typical of Winchell. I know it was read twice by many here, since the U. S. S. *Refuge* pulled in a day or two after this was printed with some 600 wounded from Normandy. They were unloaded in the Yard since it is fairly close to the Naval Hospital.

I am a full-fledged ship "Supe" now and enjoy it but would like a day off now and then.

Norm Reuel is a j.g. now, stationed in Washington. That is, he travels out of Washington.

George Burton lives about a mile from us.



Ensign "Bud" Hunter
(Formerly in Works Engineering)

I see him about once a week. He likes the Navy fine—as well as any of us.

Since you are always looking for news, let me suggest something. The aircraft carrier *Shangri-La* will be commissioned soon . . .

BUD

AT SEA

... How is everything? Didn't anyone tell me there was this much water out here but I am finding out fast for myself. I am some place in the South Pacific, should arrive at a port in New Guinea in a few days. I have crossed about 7,000 miles of water and have only seen one ship and one island. I was over in the Atlantic not long ago and it was plenty hot over there. That is a good place not to be.

GRAY SANDS

NEW GUINEA

... I imagine you will be kinda surprised to hear that I'm somewhere in New Guinea.

We landed here about a month ago, after a twenty-five day boat ride.

... We were out in the jungle the other day and it's even hotter there than it is out in the open. We had to cut a small trail through the jungle for approximately one-quarter mile and it took us all the morning. So you can imagine how dense it is . . .

You know nylon is playing a tremendous part in an airborne outfit like this. I'll bet I see almost as much nylon every day as you do and it gives me a kind of proud feeling because I might have helped make some of this very nylon.

HARRY



Pfc. Dandridge
(Formerly in Textile)

LEADERS ON "A" SHIFT-- P. & S.



Roy Wray

John Prillaman

The distinction of having worked a longer time without a plant injury than any other member of "A" Shift, P. & S., goes to Roy Wray. Roy was employed in October, 1941, and since that time, has had a perfect safety performance on the job. Over this three-year period, he has piled up approximately 7,488 exposure hours.

On the other hand, John Prillaman has completed approximately 3,200 exposure hours without losing a day from work or experiencing a plant injury. This means that John has been on the job every working day since he was employed in June, 1943, and during that time has made it a point to do his work the safe way. THE BLENDER congratulates Roy and John on their splendid example of "It Can Be Done—Safely."

New Books in the Plant Library

PERSONALITY UNLIMITED—Dengel. A complete all-round guide to poise and personality, care of the hair, eyes, complexion, hands and feet. Essentials of good grooming, conduct, and the basic principles of health and diet are some of the subjects treated.

NEW WAYS IN PHOTOGRAPHY—Deschin. This book will interest every photographer who takes his hobby at all seriously. It emphasizes primarily the methods employed in obtaining first class photographs of all kinds of subjects, under all conditions, in good and bad weather. It also discusses "trick" photography, night and indoor work, flashlight, the candid camera, double exposures,

long-range photography, screen and color photographs, the making of photo-murals and transparencies, posed scenes, retouching, infra-red photography—in short, all of those branches which are at the present little known to amateurs.

THE COLUMNIST—Fisher. Nobody influences American public opinion more certainly than do the newspaper columnists, the modern versions of the personal journalists of the past. Millions and millions of readers accept their interpretation and coloring of the news each day. Who are these high priests of the press? What is their background and what are their prejudices?

Guess Who!!



Maybe he was just about to cry or maybe he was awful mad at everybody concerned; anyhow the photographer was determined to get the picture, regardless, with the above result. (Hint: Hails from Leaksville, works on "B" Shift, P. & S., and from what we hear, is the father of two "beautiful" children.)



The baby carriage partly shown in the background may be the old-fashioned type, however, this "sweet young thing" is definitely following baby tradition by chewing on something. In most cases it is one's own shoe. (Hint: Commutes from Ridgeway, works on "A" Shift, Textile. Husband also works here.)

(See Page 14 for identification)



Such a sweet little girl I never did see. And does she love to have her picture taken? If you notice closely you can surely compare the eyes and mouth with someone in the Office Building. Figurewise, after all these years, there just ain't no comparison. (Hint: Can pound the keys off a typewriter, lives in Leaksville.)

Suggestion Awards

These thirteen employees have received Awards for valuable suggestions since the adoption of our Suggestion Award Plan. Many of these have also received War Effort Awards.

ODELL P. COOPER
(formerly of P. & S.)
Now in England

*ROBERT W. MORRIS
(formerly of P. & S.)
Now in U. S. Army

WASENA WRIGHT
(formerly of Power)
Now in U. S. Navy

*ROY W. WRAY
Polymer and Spinning

HARVEY V. BEAUCHAMP
Stores

TYLER R. FONTAINE
Stores

*IRMA R. BELCHER
Textile

*FRED V. BOSTICK
Maintenance

*MARY E. GILLEY
Maintenance

*LEWIS W. SLAGLE
Maintenance

JAMES B. MURPHY
Polymer and Spinning

HAZEL C. PORTER
Textile

JAMES A. SOUTHER
Polymer and Spinning

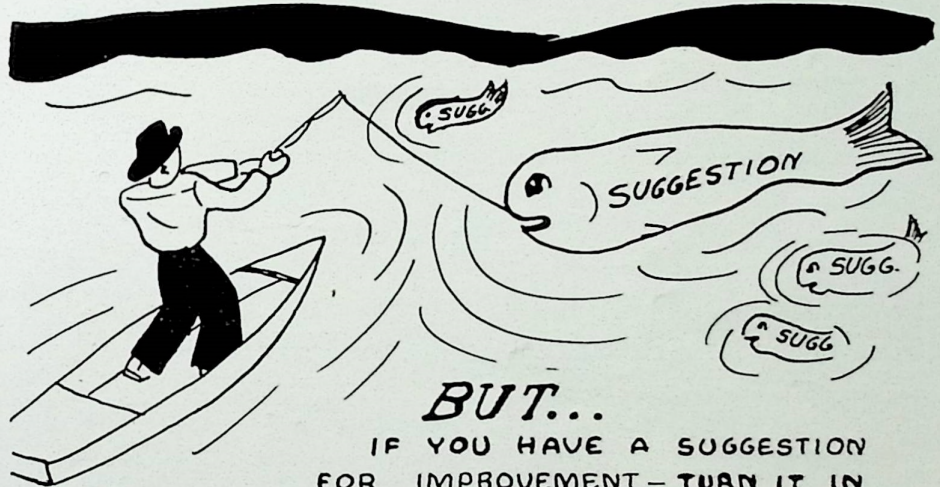
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Trout fishing is a thrilling sport. The Rainbow and the Brown Trout are wily fish, darting away at the least shadow or sign of disturbance. The patient fisherman drops his fly ever so lightly near a shady spot, then pulls in his line with his left hand slowly to simulate a fly or bug swimming in the water.

Back and forth—whish—pat—drag—each nook, each cranny, each run is investigated. Suddenly with the speed of a PT-Boat a brown and yellow flash hits the fly. Don't jerk him—let him run a little—gradually bring him in closer—pray the line doesn't break. He breaks the water in a beautiful arc in an attempt to throw the hook. He's still on—keep him away from that bush. He's in close now—keep him under or you'll lose him. Now you've landed him. Tired but happy you think how this 2-pounder is going to taste tomorrow morning for breakfast.

Fishing for ideas is just as thrilling. There's one big difference—a good fisherman throws the little ones back but we don't. We let those little ideas of yours add up to big ones. No matter how small your idea might appear to be—turn it in. If it's an improvement, it's worth while.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE BIGGEST FISH



Employee Suggestions Adopted

September, 1944

POLYMER AND SPINNING

James D. Bowles (2)
Harry J. Byrd (4)
William W. Cook
George I. Harville
Roy T. Joyce
Evelyn V. Lawrence
Syl V. Pritchard
Elmer W. Ramsey
Morton Robertson
German L. Shields
Paul E. Willis

MANUFACTURING ALL OTHERS

R. P. Heller

POWER

C. R. Carmichael
Wilbert E. Evans
William B. Guthrie (2)
I. J. Locke
J. B. Longworth
E. E. Varney (2)

SERVICE

Vivian Carter
Maggie J. Davis
Virginia S. Hairston
Branton F. Martin
W. H. Montrief

SPOOLING, INSPEC- TION, PACKING AND SHIPPING

Bessie M. Cole
Gertrude Eanes (2)

MAINTENANCE

Mary E. Gilley (2)
Frank P. Turner
Weldon L. Wood

PROCESS CONTROL

Ferne S. Hutchinson
Lillian J. Major (2)
William A. Mason

ACCOUNTING

Rebecca Edwards
Frances F. Parker

TEXTILE

Stella V. Gregory
Marie Smith (2)



Safety Suggestions Adopted

September, 1944

POLYMER AND SPINNING

William W. Cook
Reba W. Hancock

SPOOLING, INSPEC- TION, PACKING AND SHIPPING

Ruth V. Campbell
Louise Robertson

POWER

C. R. Carmichael
James R. Gauldin
Edward L. Helms
J. R. Pyle (2)
J. E. Shropshire

SERVICE

Branton F. Martin (2)
George C. Thomason

MAINTENANCE

E. E. Colburn
Hampton Dyches
Mary E. Gilley
George A. Parcell
W. W. Shockey
Owen C. Thomasson

PROCESS CONTROL

Janice M. Martin
William A. Mason

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been (until recently) that he might be able to sing, but after hearing Ed, he now wishes Ed could sing!

John Handy declares there are only two reasons that he knows of that would require an "extra" edition of *THE BLENDER*; namely, the fall of Germany, and/or for him to receive a certificate for those two new tires he applied for months ago!

We hear that unless McFadin gets a new cylinder head for his car soon, he is going to need an extra shoe coupon.

"Junior" Painter doesn't have a grandfather's clock but you just ought to see the watch he's carrying!

We sure would like to know whose wedding Hazel attended recently. The safety rule about not wearing rings and other jewelry makes it hard to determine!

Bob Markham says all the news he knows is on himself—and his wife reads *THE BLENDER* too!

By GENE HIGHFIELD

GARAGE

"Cabbage" Gauldin will admit that a squirrel can climb a tree faster than he can. But coming down! Now, that's a different story!

The picnic held by the boys turned out to be a success. Those who doubt this statement, ask Jerry Kyle and Glen Roach—Jerry understands now why you take the caps off "Coca-Cola" bottles!

"Red" Boyer has been seen "rolling his own" recently!

By "SPOT" MCGUIRE

JANITORS

Clarence Self is talking around how he and Willie Travis repaired his porch. We wonder if the porch is still there, if so, how come?

Magellan Gravely lives quite a way up in the country and reports that rabbits are about to run him out of his house.

By JAMES KING

MEDICAL AND SAFETY

Jackie Hodges looked at Dr. Dickerson's picture in *THE BLENDER* and told his mother that "he certainly is a mighty fine-looking man." Congratulations, Geneva, on your two-year-old's vocabulary and perspicacity. (Ed.: Perspicacity: acuteness of sight or discernment—so says Webster.)

We thought Hilma Nease was holding up pretty well, but she asserts that she is now learning how to breathe!

If you notice Louise Compton looking slightly battered up, it'll only be because that bicycle riding is beginning to tell on her!

With the cigarette situation as it is, Bill Burgess is now smoking a corn-cob pipe!

"I Want to Go Back to West Virginia" is probably what you will be hearing Bob Munchmeyer sing when he gets back from spending a week in what he thinks is GREAT country.

Jean is finding out the theory, "Crime Doesn't Pay," really has its meaning! Especially after decapitating a poor defenseless worm that had taken refuge within a chinquapin.

By MARGE SMITH AND
JEAN CRITZ

PERSONNEL

1. George Branham; 2. Harry Daughtry; 3. Ralph Scott; 4. Sherlie Thomas; 5. Bill Randolph; 6. Martha Powell; 7. Harry Beach; 8. Ed McCormick.

STORES AND PURCHASING

WITH THE COMING OF OLD MAN WINTER, WE FIND:

Howard Turner getting color blind. (Confidentially, he came to work with unmated socks—one blue and one green.) (Ed.: Same for Phil Greek.)

Ovid Jordan economizing at a very convenient time. (He stopped smoking.)

Martha Weaver having a hard time remembering how to write her name!

Frank Lambeth oversleeping in the mornings and not having time to put on his shirt. That's all right, Frank, pajama tops look just as well!

Everett Griffin getting tired of being a grass widower.

Julian Taylor sniffing around with his hay fever.

Phil Greek trying to remember to pay off! (Ed.: That reminds me.)

Emly Rea trying to get caught up on the happenings during her vacation.

"Genus" Lanier looking quite familiar roaming through Stores.

Sue Barbour meeting that transport plane in Roanoke. (Her brother made it!)

Maynard Layman searching for information for Mrs. Smith.

Fred Robbins displaying that "tooth-paste" grin.

Bill Geoghegan "constructing" the caption letter.

Ernie Wall dropping into see us en route to Texas, where he plans to become better acquainted with those B-24 bombers.

Vivian Carter walking around in her sleep.

Herbe Abbitt leaving us to join the office in the Shipping Area.

Cabell Pratt beginning to think that he is now "Jack-of-all-trades."

More birthdays catching up with us here in Purchasing. Both Ruth Nelson and Imogene Davis had one in September! (Ed.: Still they won't tell which one.)

Elizabeth Smith is moving in her new house this month. We are very interested in knowing the date of the housewarming!

By KATHRYN GARST AND
IMOGENE S. DAVIS

PROTECTION

John Hubbard, Carl Pratt and J. O. Reynolds have gone to P. & S. We are sorry to have you boys leave us, but we know you like the new boys.

We hear that P. & S. is making plans to coin the bowling championship this year. What about it, Jo Jo and John?

Clarence Harris is talking about going into cigarette business. He has a good tobacco crop this year.

James Parrish looks very blue these days—Jo Jo Reynolds has gone and he doesn't have anyone to discuss baseball with him. (Ed.: Discuss and bet.)

Turner Thompson says the squirrels around his home know the season has expired—one barked at him recently while in bed!

Sorry to lose Jack Dandridge and "Lil Abner" Anthony to P. & S.

Ken Stanhagen goes squirrel hunting only to sit on a wagon.

We welcome Sergeant Palmer back to "A" Shift.

Did you know there are 22,430 steps patrolling the Power Area for one hour. This information was recently released by "Bott" Wingfield.

Bill Curlee was back in his old form the other afternoon when he hit two balls over the left field fence against the High School Gym! (Ed.: Is this authentic?)

By THE SERGEANTS

CAFETERIA

The Cafeteria personnel extends deepest sympathy to Alice Tudor in the death of her mother.

Things were rather quiet around the Cafeteria while Nellie Bartleson was out on the sick list. Glad you're back, Nellie.

Lennie Meredith went all the way to Radford recently to pick up a German police puppy—she decided seven wasn't quite enough!

We have an idea Gussie Price will sell her faithful cow. She says that milking interferes with her sleeping schedule!

By JANIE BOAZ

PROCESS CONTROL

Lorna Stone, S 1/c, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, came by for that promised visit looking pretty wonderful in her WAVE uniform.

Some of the braver hearts are ready at last to admit one reason for soda bicarb. After the dinner party at Sarah and Mary's when all guests fixed their super-specialties, the table strained under everything from "Macaroni by Major" to pie "a la Floyd."

Another example of culinary art—and indigestion—was the waffle supper dished up by Ferne Hutchinson!

Mary Lib Moser had difficulty deciding what to do with her vacation since Nicky is in France.

If William Henry had turned out to be a girl, would Bob have given her away as he threatened to do? We doubt it! Congratulations, Bob, and we're glad it's a boy too!

Is Frances Dudley ever going to make that announcement we all long to hear?

Mary Booker has enough animals in her collection to start a zoo. She owns everything from alligators to cows and what's more, they follow her to work each day, which ain't against the rules.

Did John Clarke know beforehand about the cigarette shortage, or did he really mean it when he said, "I'm a good boy now, I don't smoke?"

Who will play tricks on Sallye Ann Childress now that her kid brother is a Navy man?

By FERNE HUTCHINSON
MARGARET RUSSELL
MADELINE REYNOLDS

TECHNICAL

Earl Olson came back from vacation with a two-toned mustache. Too bad he shaved it off because everyone agreed he looked like Melvyn Douglas!

Don Heckert has recently bought a new home. When is the housewarming, Don? We want to see the results of all that midnight labor! (Ed.: Do you mean you need a special invitation?)

We are very proud of the new Jay-teen Club, for the teen-age boys and girls, which Frank Pollock is directing. Unfortunately, it has been closed temporarily because of the infantile paralysis epidemic. Frank now has plenty of time to catch up on his home work!

Last month John Siemann "shuffled off to Buffalo" for a vacation.

By GLADYS GRAY AND DOT CONRAD

GUESS WHO?

No. 1. "Tuffie" Herman Patterson at the "tender" age of ???

No. 2. Evelyn Gauldin still questions the authenticity of the picture, but we see a good resemblance.

No. 3. Although only two years old, Doris Holland had begun to practice her wiles.



Scatter Shots

No. 1—Now that Mary Gilley, Maintenance, has learned to file, Rex Snapp has to be on guard. No. 2—Cabel Gauldin waits for the "go" signal. No. 3—Birthdays are happy events to the Project Engineering group; here we see Roy Bullington cutting his fancy cake while other members of the section "drool." LEFT TO RIGHT: Ralph Hinton, Sammy Luther, Johnny Groet, "Peek-a-Boo" Disney, Roy, Jack Hellaby, Don Martin and Waller Kuykendall. No. 4—John Tuggle, P. & S., makes sure the right waste gets in the right bag. No. 5—Frank Divers and Alex Haynes, P. & S., talk things over. No. 6—"Let's think this thing through," Ed McCormick, Welfare, does the thinking, or so he calls it. No. 7—We caught Don McCullough, Electrical, just right. No. 8—Velva Gunter and Stella Gregory, Textile, share secrets as they work. No. 9—Bill Criss, P. & S., looks like a B-29 pilot. No. 10—Inez Howell, Textile, thinks the first step in good housekeeping is a clean floor. No. 11—Who outflanks who?—Bill McGown (now at Seaford), Amby Staudt and Ed Chappell, angle for position. No. 12—Dot Hensley, Process Control, has kibitzers a plenty in Bob Henry, Bea Martin, Nell Stanley and Bill Mason. No. 13—We assure the reader Hobson Sandidge, M. & S., doesn't always look t'is way, however, the expression on Jim Thomas' face, M. & S., is natural. No. 14—Jack Lucas, Electrical, tries out a new vacuum.



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